

Kings Mountain Police Report

KM woman charged with murder

Margaret Sharpe Speller, 43, of Cherry Street, faces first degree murder charges in the shooting death of Calvin McKinley, 33, Friday night.

Kings Mountain Det. Lt. Houston Corn said that police responding to a 911 call found McKinley lying on the sidewalk at the intersection of Baker and Cherry Streets.

Police said that Speller, accompanied by her attorney, turned herself in to Kings Mountain Police Saturday at 11:30 a.m. morning and was jailed in Cleveland County Jail without bond.

Speller and McKinley, according to police, have been sharing a residence at 404 Cherry Street, about two blocks from the crime scene.

The shooting happened around 10:15 p.m. Friday night. McKinley was shot once in the chest, according to Coroner Ralph Mitchem.

Captain Richard Reynolds said the shooting apparently followed a domestic incident.

ARRESTS

Timothy Ray Leach, 33, 218 Morris St., show cause for non-support, \$1000 bond, secured.

INCIDENTS

James Rushing, 508 Waco Rd., reported larceny of a vehicle tag and two headlight rims.

Willie Mae Hunter, 205 S. Micklely St., Bessemer City, reported larceny of a wallet containing credit cards, currency and her driver's license.

KM Express, 716 N. Cleveland Ave., reported theft of two cases of beer by a customer who left the store without paying for it.

Robert Howard Bryant, 703 Crescent Circle, reported theft of a radar detector.

Area Girl Scouts honored by churches

Cleveland and Gaston County Girl Scouts have received recognition from area churches through programs of religious activities with youth P. R. A. Y., an organization serving girls of Protestant and Independent Christian faiths.

Amy Gibson of Brownie Troop 143 earned "God and Me" after working with Les Hudson of the Concord Christian Church. Also working with Hudson was Laura Gibson, Cadette Troop 239, who earned "God and Church."

Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts may earn "God and Life." Diane Fredell is the leader of Troop 96 and Troop 233. She helped to facilitate her troop as they work in Kings Mountain with Rev. Larry Burns of Faith Baptist, Rev. Olin Byrum of Kings Mountain, Rev. Fred Rose at Shelby Presbyterian; Rev. Harold Bumby of Kings Mountain's East Gold Wesleyan, Rev. Dennis Aldridge of Kings Mountain's Love Valley Baptist, Rev. James Allen of the Family Worship Center in Kings Mountain and Rev. Fred Herner at Grace Lutheran Church in Charlotte.

The Pioneer Girl Scout God and Life recognition was received by Heather Barnette, Ashley Boone, Megan Chryst, Rachelle Chryst, Courtney Fredell, Amy Fredell, Christen Hollifield, Brenn Kates, Abbey Kates, Danielle Parker, Ashley Smith, Stephanie Stark, Dena Williams and Heather Wright.

Myrick to address Gaston graduates

Ninth District Congresswoman Sue Myrick will address the 169-member graduating class of Gaston College at commencement exercises Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Myers Center Auditorium.

Myrick was elected to the US Congress House of Representatives in 1994. She was appointed as one of the members of the House transition team and was also drafted as a freshman class liaison to the leadership. As liaison, Myrick frequently meets with the Speaker, Majority leader and other key members of the House. She is a member of the budget, science and small business congressional committees.

She is a former mayor of Charlotte.

Cleveland County graduates are Charles Dixon Jr., Tiffany Dawn Elmore, Susan Lee Eubanks, Sheila Moss, Sherry Vanessa Sockwell, Debra Victoria Tunstall, Melissa Wooten, all of Kings Mountain, and Barry Todd Blanton, Jeremy Wayne Bridges, Tim Stroup, Falcia Tuffet, Malcolm Walden Jr. and Pence Buchanan, all of Shelby.

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tor, cassette case, Readers Digest tapes, Sony tapes and \$360 worth of various other tapes from his automobile parked at his residence.

Betty Hawkins Crawford, 703 Groves St., reported that someone broke the hood emblem from her 1988 Cadillac.

Jean Estes Alexander, 422 St. Luke's Church Rd., reported theft of a purse from her car.

Helen Smarr Smith, 414 Belvedere Circle, reported that the left front fender of her Honda was damaged by someone using a blunt object.

Lance Antoine Mason, 1807 Green Valley Dr. Shelby, reported unauthorized use of his 1977 Cadillac.

Kenneth Paul Carpenter, 520 Phenix St., reported theft of compact discs from his car. The canvas roof of his 1989 Chevrolet was cut open and the top was folded down by someone using a cutting tool.

Police recovered a reportedly stolen 1993 Mustang valued at \$15,000 owned by Kenneth Burton, of Gastonia.

Philip Bunch, 320 Somerset Dr., reported theft of a cassette car stereo valued at \$257.21.

Charlene Hamrick, 808 N. Piedmont Ave., reported theft of her registration card and a Craftsman red toolbox containing miscellaneous tools.

Grady Howard Jr., 304 Crescent Hill Circle, reported theft of a cellular telephone from his 1994 Mazda.

Jerry Watts, 401 Cherokee St. reported theft of two television sets and two VCRs from his residence. The stolen items are valued at \$1600.

Carolyn Hignutt, 407 W. Mountain St., reported theft of personal checks

and a North Carolina vehicle registration card from her 1985 Toyota at her residence.

Irvin Allen, 611 Crescent Circle, reported theft of a cellular telephone from his car parked at his residence.

A reportedly stolen registration plate owned by Malo Roberts was found inside a city garbage dumpster.

Texaco Express, 511 Linwood Rd., reported that a customer pumped \$10 worth of gasoline and drove away from the pumps without paying for it.

Charlene Ross, 58 Pine Manor, reported that the window glass, storm door and a back door and door frame were damaged at her house.

Connie Howe, 113 N. City St., reported theft of a \$129 bicycle.

Joseph Dale Justice, 26, 301 McAdenville Rd., Lowell, 26, reported to police that a man threatened him with a handgun on Cleveland Avenue at a gas pump and took his wallet, various business cards, his drivers license and \$10 in currency.

Martha Scism, 246 Scism Rd., reported that someone threw a brick through her windows and broke two glass widow panes and one screen door

WRECKS

AUGUST 17

Ptl. C. M. Lathan said that a 16-year-old driver ran the stop sign at S. Sims and West Gold Streets and struck a 1989 Chevrolet operated by David Gail McDaniel, 805 W. Gold St., doing \$6,000 damages. McDaniel, 80, and his wife, Ruth Hollifield McDaniel, 80, were treated at the hospital for injuries. None of the four people in the 1989 Ford were hurt. The teenagers that a tree shading the sign obscured her vision.

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